

1890, ch. 553.

178. It shall be lawful for any railroad company heretofore or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State to consolidate with any other railroad company incorporated under the laws of this or any other State, or of the United States, whose railroad within or without this State shall connect with or form a continuous line with the railroad of the company so consolidating upon such terms as may be agreed upon; provided, however, that the agreement for such consolidation shall be submitted to the stockholders of the railroad company incorporated under the laws of this State at a special meeting called for considering the same, and shall be sanctioned by the holders of a majority of the stock of such company, and if sanctioned at such meeting by such holders of a majority of the stock, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of this State; and provided further, that such agreement shall contain no provisions in conflict with the provisions of this article or which shall exempt such railroad so far as it lies in this State from the operation of the laws of this State, and nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the consolidation of any railroad companies owning or operating, competing or parallel roads, or parallel lines of railroad which is hereby declared to be unlawful and expressly prohibited without the special consent of the general assembly being first obtained therefor.

State use of *Dodson v. Balto. & Lehigh R. R. Co.* 77 Md. 491.

1896, ch. 296:

180 A. Whenever freight forwarded upon any railroad to any point in this State shall consist of live stock, or shall be of such a perishable nature, or so damaged, or of such other character as to make it impracticable for it to remain in the possession of the company owning or operating said railroad, for the space of three months after its arrival at the point to which it shall have been directed, and the owner or person to whom the same is consigned cannot be found after diligent inquiry, or being found and notified of the arrival of such freight, shall refuse or neglect to remove the same, and pay the legal charges thereon, for the space of twenty-four hours, then, upon application by said railroad company, verified by affidavit, to any judge of the circuit